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LETTER DATED 17 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, and further to my letters, the most recent of which was No. 1/6/160 of 12 May 1993, I have the honour to inform you that Iranian armed forces have again shelled Iraqi territory in the north of Iraq. On the morning of 14 May 1993, Iranian artillery shelled the areas of Sar Qizil, Kalaw, Dustak and Shurladra slope. This fresh hostility resulted in the burning of large areas of farmland and the destruction of a number of properties belonging to Iraqi citizens in the said area.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq strongly protests against these fresh acts of Iranian aggression against Iraq, which constitute a flagrant violation of Iraq's sovereignty, and blatant interference in its internal affairs. It also condemns the persistence of the Iranian regime in violating Security Council resolution 598 (1988).

The Government of the Republic of Iraq therefore requests you to intervene to prevent the Iranian side from repeating such acts of aggression, which are contrary to international law and the Charter of the United Nations. It reserves its full right to respond by using any means appropriate to maintain the rights and legitimate interests of Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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